



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

29 August 7, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR COUNTY
EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO FUND THE
CERRITOS PARK FITNESS EQUIPMENT PROJECT
(FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$50,000 to partially fund the Cerritos Park Fitness Equipment Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Cerritos Park Fitness Equipment project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project consists of installation of small new structures and minor alterations to the condition of land for the reasons stated herein and reasons reflected in the record of the Cerritos Park Fitness Equipment Project.
2. Approve the request to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$50,000, to partially fund the Cerritos Park Fitness Equipment Project.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept the grant funds, conduct all negotiations, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, the project agreement, amendments, Memorandum of Unrecorded Grant Agreement, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) for County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), in the amount of \$50,000, to partially fund the Cerritos Park Fitness Equipment Project.

The proposed project will be at Cerritos Community Regional Park, located at 19700 South Bloomfield Avenue in Cerritos. The scope of work will consist of site preparation, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) surfacing, and installation of a fitness zone. The fitness zone will consist of seven to eleven pieces of durable and vandal resistant exercise equipment appropriate for all age groups and all fitness levels. The fitness zone will also include instructional boards.

In a related action on today's agenda, the District is recommending the allocation of \$50,000 in County Excess Funds for the Cerritos Park Fitness Equipment Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total project cost is \$71,500. The proposed project will be partially funded with \$50,000 in County Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District. Additional funding of \$21,500 will be from the Department's net County cost. Sufficient appropriation for the grant is budgeted in the Fourth Supervisorial District's portion of the District's Excess Funds Project Fund.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The recommended actions will allow the Department to request grant funding assistance for the fitness equipment installation at Cerritos Community Regional Park. Additional operating costs may materialize following public use of the equipment, but it is dependent on the success of the grant application. The Department will re-evaluate the project and identify any additional operating costs upon acceptance of the grant funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Department has met this requirement.

County Counsel has approved this Board Letter as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project, which includes the installation of nine pieces of outdoor fitness equipment with two and four-person stations, provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act accessible surfacing and excavation of the area for the fitness equipment, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed project consists of installation of small new structures and minor alterations in the condition of land.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects or services at Cerritos Community Regional Park.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors